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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

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CLASSIFICATION

The present invention relates to a *Rosa hybrida*.

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VARIETY DENOMINATION

The new plant has the varietal denomination 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus *Rosaceae* which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its dark red flowers.

20 Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety onto 'Dr. Huey' rootstock as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

1       The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the  
flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as  
nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a  
color illustration of this character.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November budded on 'DR. HUEY' understock.

## PLANT

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1	Texture	Upper side smooth, semi-glossy; under side matte
	Edge:	Serrated
	Serration:	Serrate
5	Petioles:	Top surface color near 146B; Under side near 147C
	Stipules:	Medium
10	Auricle:	Small, slightly serrated
	Rachis:	Smooth
	WOOD	
	New shoots	
15	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 46A
	Old wood	
20	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 137C
	Flowering stem:	Length about 18 inches
25	Winter Hardiness:	Completely winter hardy
	Resistance to Disease:	Average
	Preferred growing conditions:	Full sun
30	Growth habit:	Upright

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	Leaves per stem:	About 7
1	Prickles/Thorns:	Triangle shaped thorns, ½ inch high, 5/8 inches at base, color close to 20D
5	FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE	
	Blooming Habit:	Continuous
	Bud	About 1 1/2 inches long, 1 3/8 inches wide
10	Form:	High centered
	Color:	Before sepals divide color near 46B; when sepals first divide color near 47B; when petals begin to unfurl color near 47D
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	Sepals:	Usually 5 per bloom, length about 1 inch, width about ½ inch tapering down to 1/8 inch, top and bottom color near 143A (top), 143c (bottom)
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	Size:	Length in relation to bud about 1 3/8 inches
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	Color	Topside near 158A; bottom near 147B
	Peduncle	
30	Length:	About 4 1/2 inches, smooth

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	Strength:	Erect
1	Color:	Near 139D
	Flower	
	Size:	About 5 2/3 inches
5	Borne:	Single
	Form:	Very high centered
	Petalage:	About 42
10	Petaloids in center:	Few; between 3 to 4, color near 57A
	Persistence:	Petals do not drop
15	Fragrance:	Medium
	Lasting Quality:	About 3 weeks on plant; about 7 days after cutting
	Color	
20	During first 2 days:	Inner petals at flower center topside near 46C; bottom near 46D; outer petals topside near 47D, bottom near 48C
25	Base of petals (Point of attachment):	Near 2A
	General tonality from a distance:	Near 53C
30	Color Change:	Fades slightly; after 3 or more days fades to near 49A

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Petals

- 1           Texture:                   Thick
- Shape:                   Oblong, 1 3/4 inch wide,  
                                  1 1/2 inch long
- 5           Arrangement:           Imbricated
- Appearance:           Velvety front, satiny back

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

- 10          Arrangement of stamens,  
          Filaments and Anthers:   Regularly arranged around  
                                  styles, usually about 110  
                                  anthers and filaments
- 15          Color:                   Filaments near 48A; Anthers  
                                  near 48C
- Pollen:                   No pollen
- Styles:                   Medium length; color near 47C
- 20          Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries
- Shape:                   Round
- Size:                   Small; about 1/2 inch
- 25          Color:                   Near 140A
- Seeds:                   No seeds

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